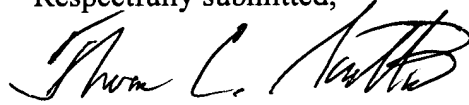


## REMARKS

Claims 9 through 11 have now been amended to depend from claim 1 rather than from a canceled claim.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims as originally presented/currently amended are patentable, on the basis of the above remarks, and reconsideration and subsequent passage for allowance is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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